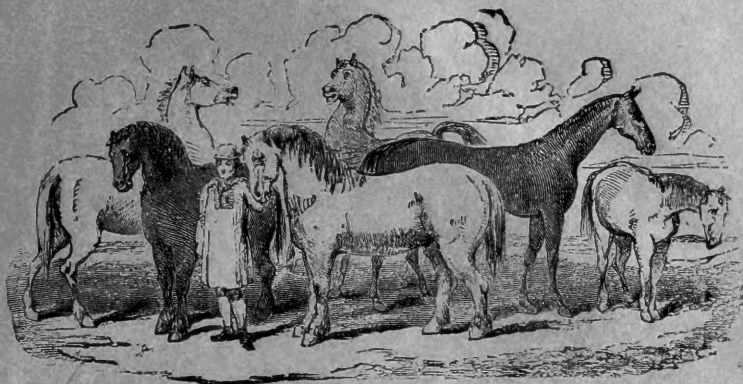


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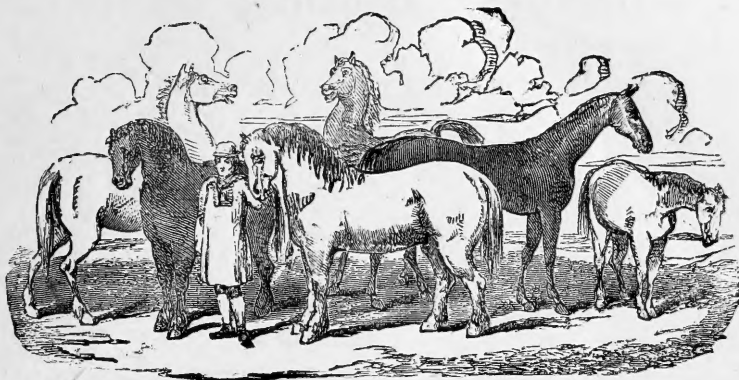
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Boston Agricultural Association,

OFFICE, 109 STATE STREET, UP STAIRS.

A GRAND EXHIBITION OF HORSES,—open to competition to all the States of the Union, and to the British Provinces, will be held by the BOSTON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, in the City of BOSTON, on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, October 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th, 1856.

The Premium List, with the Rules of the Exhibition, and all required information, will be furnished, by addressing the Secretary, at his office, No. 109 State Street, Boston.

In examining the Schedule of Premiums, it will be observed that the gross sum is very much larger than has ever before been given for a similar purpose in this country; and as, in addition to this, the Association will be obliged to expend a large amount in preparing and decorating the grounds and buildings, as well as in providing for the Stock to be exhibited, it is earnestly hoped that all breeders and owners of fine Horses throughout the country, will feel it to be a duty, as it certainly is for their interest, to contribute to the Exhibition.

Undoubtedly nothing has contributed so much to improve the different breeds of the Horse, and increase his value, as exhibitions of this character,—by collecting together, as they do, the admirers and purchasers of that noble animal, and drawing their

attention to the different specimens exhibited, a largely-increased value is given to the successful competitors for Premiums, far exceeding the amount of said Premiums, however liberal the latter may be.

The Exhibition will also furnish a most favorable opportunity for parties having Stock, which they may wish to dispose of, to do so, at satisfactory rates.

A large force of Marshals and Police will be on the grounds to preserve order.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, *President*.

E. S. WINSLOW, *Secretary*.

HALES W. SUTER, *Treasurer*.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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GRAND EXHIBITION
OF THE
Boston Agricultural Association,
AT BOSTON,

October 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, and 25th, 1856.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

THE SHOW GROUNDS are located on Harrison Avenue, (which runs parallel to Washington Street,) about one mile from the head of State Street. Omnibuses, furnished with flags for the occasion, will convey passengers, at a charge of six cents.

The gates will be opened for the admission of the public, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, and 25th, from 8 A. M. until sundown, of each day.

The Marshals and the Superintendents of the various classes will meet at the President's Marquee, at 8 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, 21st, to perfect arrangements for the day.

SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Superintendents are required to take particular charge of all animals in their respective departments, and see that they are arranged for easy approach and examination.

A Superintendent will accompany each set of Judges, and point out the different animals to be exhibited.

THE JUDGES.

The Judges are requested to report themselves at the business office of the Secretary, on the northwest corner of the grounds, (corner of Harrison Avenue and Brookline Street,) where cards of admission, &c., &c., will be furnished them.

Vacancies will be filled by the Executive Committee, at 1 o'clock, at the Committee Rooms, on Tuesday, when the books of entries will be delivered.

The Judges, Marshals, Superintendents, and invited guests, will dine with the officers of the Society, daily, at 1 o'clock, at the Committee Room building, on the northeast corner of the grounds.

The Judges will, at their discretion, appoint a time for *the examination* of animals in their stalls, of which due notice will be given, through the Superintendents, to exhibitors; the *exhibition*, in the ring or on the track, will take place punctually at the hours hereinafter specified.

The Judges will report not only the animals entitled to premiums, but also those next in merit, in each class, to meet the contingency of any objection which may arise to the awards, and also that they may receive suitable commendation. Any animal which, in the opinion of the Judges, deserves a special commendation, will be so reported to the Executive Committee.

Discretionary premiums may be awarded with the previous permission of the Executive Committee, expressed through the Secretary.

If not satisfied as to the regularity of the entries in their respective classes, they will apply to the Secretary for information; and should there still be any doubt after examination, or if any animal is of such a character as not to be entitled to exhibition in competition, they will report the facts to the Secretary, for the consideration of the Executive Committee, that such course may be adopted as the case may require.

No person who is an exhibitor can act as a Judge on the class in which he exhibits; and, during the examinations of the Judges, if any person interferes with them, by letter or otherwise, he will be excluded from the competition. But exhibitors, when requested, are expected to make verbal or written statements concerning their stock.

As one great object of the Society is to collect valuable information upon the subject-matter of the exhibition, the several committees are requested to gather all the information possible from exhibitors in their classes, and to make their reports *as full as time and circumstances will permit*.

When an animal is not deemed worthy of a premium, the Judges will, at their discretion, withhold it. An animal entered

for exhibition in one class cannot compete for premium in any other ; nor can any horse compete for more than one premium for speed.

The reports of the Judges, (except on the trial of trotting horses, on Friday and Saturday,) must be handed to the Secretary on or before Friday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Notice of intention to enter stock for the exhibition should be sent to the Secretary on or before October 17th, that proper arrangements may be made for their accommodation. Letters may be addressed to the Secretary at Boston.

The awards will be announced from the Judges' stand on Saturday, at 12 M. ; and Judges are requested not to declare their decisions previously, except on the trials of speed.

EXHIBITORS.

Entries of stock may be made at the office of the Secretary, on the grounds, until 9 o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday, when the books will be closed.

The exhibition of stock in the ring and on the track will take place *precisely at the time specified* in the Programme ; and animals not prepared at the proper time and place may, at the discretion of the Judges, be ruled out of competition.

Stock will be marked with cards furnished by the Secretary, designating the class and number of entry ; and, during the exhibition, stock must be placed entirely under the management of the officers of the Society.

Authentic pedigrees of BLOOD STOCK will be required in writing.

Arrangements will be made for the trial of draught horses, by testing their strength, docility, &c., at a load.

A half-mile track, (measuring three feet from the inside rail,) for the trial of speed, has been prepared, and commodious seats for spectators are furnished at a small charge.

No horse will be allowed a premium unless he be sound.

For any exhibitors who may wish to dispose of their stock, the services of an auctioneer have been secured, and the use of the grounds given for Saturday, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and the Secretary will give notice of such sale if entry is made with him to that effect.

The Executive Committee will take every possible precaution for the safe keeping of stock on exhibition, after its arrival and arrangement upon the grounds, but will not be responsible for any damage that may occur. They desire exhibitors to give personal attention to their animals, and, at the close of the Fair, to attend to their removal.

For the convenience of exhibitors stalls and covering will be provided for the stock; and forage, consisting of hay and straw (for litter,) with water, will be supplied without charge; so that animals, on their arrival, may be driven to the Show Grounds, and need not be removed till the Exhibition is closed. Grain will also be upon the Ground, and furnished to those who desire it at the market price.


RAILROAD ARRANGEMENT.

Favorable arrangements are expected to be effected with the various railroads, for the transportation of stock intended for exhibition. Further information on this subject will be furnished, upon application, at a later day.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

The charges for admission to the grounds, will be as follows :

Single admission to the grounds,	25 cts.
Admittance to the stand an extra charge of	25 "
No Season Tickets will be issued.	

 VISITORS cannot be admitted to the grounds in carriages or other vehicles.

ENTRANCE FEES.

The Entrance Fees (except for trotting, road and family Horses) will be :

For competition for Premiums over \$100	\$5.00
do do do under \$100	3.00
Road and Family Horses,	5.00
Trotting Horses, 10 per cent. on the highest premium competed for.	

PREMIUMS.

Premiums will be paid in silver plate or money, at the option of successful competitors.

Premiums will not be paid on animals removed from the exhibition, unless such removal has the special approval of the

Executive Committee ; and premiums not claimed within thirty days after the award, will be considered as forfeited.

The Treasurer will pay premiums at the business office, on the ground, during the last day, and at the office of the Society, No. 109 State street, during the week following ; or will forward any premium not so paid, in such manner as the person entitled to the same may direct.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS have been set apart by the Executive Committee, to be awarded in Discretionary Premiums, should objects of *special interest*, not provided for in any of the classes, be presented.

GUESTS.

The invited guests of the Society will please report themselves, on their arrival, at the President's Marquee, where the Committee of Reception will be in session, and will extend to them every attention.

For the greater convenience of editors and reporters for the press, a tent has been specially set apart for their use, and every facility will be afforded them to obtain and transmit information. A Committee of Reception, from the Boston press, will receive their brethren from abroad, on the field, and further the purposes of their coming. They are requested to announce themselves on arrival, and to present their names or credentials at the Secretary's office, at the northwest corner of the grounds, on the corner of Harrison Avenue and Brookline Street, when they will be furnished with cards of admission, etc., etc.

REFRESHMENTS.

Refreshments for visitors will be furnished, at a moderate charge, at the southern extremity of the field.

A SALOON FOR LADIES is arranged, with a withdrawing room for their accommodation, with female attendants. Ices, Oysters, Coffee, etc., etc., will be supplied by a prominent confectioner.

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST.—FIRST DAY.

AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M. Grand Cavalcade of all the Stock on Exhibition.

AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M. Exhibition of Thorough-bred Stallions and Mares, on the Track.

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M. Exhibition of Breeding Mares, Fillies, &c., on the Track.

AT 12 O'CLOCK, M. Exhibition of Ponies and Mules, on the Track.

AT 1 O'CLOCK, P. M. Trial of Speed, No. 1, open to all trotting Stallions, Geldings and Mares, not over five years old, that have never trotted for money. Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$125
2d do.	-	-	-	-	50
3d do.	-	-	-	-	25

AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M. Grand Trial of Speed, No. 2, open to all trotting Geldings and Mares. Mile heats, best three in five to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$150
2d do.	-	-	-	-	75
3d do.	-	-	-	-	50

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22D.—SECOND DAY.

AT 9 o'clock, A. M. Examination and Trial of Draught Horses, on the easterly side of the field.

Also. Exhibition of Stallions entered under Class II. in order of ages, under direction of Committee of Judges.

AT 11 o'clock, A. M. Exhibition of Family Horses, (Class VI.) on the Track, under direction of Committee of Judges.

AT 12 o'clock, M. Trial of Speed, No. 3, open to all trotting Stallions, Geldings and Mares, not over four years old, that have never trotted for money. Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$100
2d do.	-	-	-	-	50
3d do.	-	-	-	-	25

AT 2½ o'clock, P. M. Grand Trial of Speed, No. 4, for trotting Stallions. Mile heats, best three in five to harness, and not over three to start, two of which must be "Ethan Allen" and "Hiram Drew."

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$1,000
2d do.	-	-	-	-	100

Between the Heats of Trial No. 4, "Pocahontas," the fastest Pacing Mare in the world, will be driven around the Track, at speed. The Thorough-breds will also be exhibited in front of the Judges' Stand.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23D.—THIRD DAY.

AT 9 o'clock, A. M. Grand Cavalcade of all the Horses on Exhibition.

AT 10 o'clock, A. M. Matched and Faney-matched Horses, and Tandem Teams, will be exhibited on the Track, under direction of the Judges.

Also, at same hour, Exhibition of Saddle Horses, on the Track.

AT 11 o'clock, A. M. Road Horses, over four years old, (Class VII.) will be exhibited on the Track, under direction of the Judges.

AT 1 o'clock, P. M. Trial of Speed, No. 5, open to all trotting Stallions, Geldings and Fillies, not over three years old, that have never trotted for money. Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	-	\$75
2d do.	-	-	-	-	-	50

AT 3 o'clock, P. M. Grand Trial of Speed, No. 6, open to all trotting Geldings and Mares. Mile heats, best three in five to harness. Three to start, two of which must be "Flora Temple" and "Lancet" (formerly called "Know-Nothing.")

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$1,000
2d do.	-	-	-	-	200
3d do.	-	-	-	-	100

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH.—FOURTH DAY.

AT 9 o'clock, A. M. Grand Cavalcade of all the Stock on Exhibition.

AT 11 o'clock, A. M. Trial of Speed, No. 7, open to all trotting Horses that have never trotted for money. Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$150
2d do.	-	-	-	-	75

AT 1 o'clock, P. M. Trial of Speed, No. 8, open to all Pacers, except "Pocahontas." Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$150
2d do.	-	-	-	-	75

AT 3 o'clock, P. M. Grand Trial of Speed, No. 9, for trotting Stallions. Mile heats, best three in five to wagons, and not over three to start, two of which must be "Hiram Drew" and "Ethan Allen."

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$1,000
2d do.	-	-	-	-	100

Between the Heats of Trial No. 9, a Trial of Speed, No. 10, open to all Stallions and Fillies not over two years old. Half-mile heats, best two in three to harness, two to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$50
2d do.	-	-	-	-	25

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.—LAST DAY.

AT 9 o'clock, A. M. Grand Cavalcade of all the Stock on Exhibition.

AT 10½ o'clock, A. M. Matched and Fancy-matched Horses and Tandem Teams will drive around the Track.

AT 12 o'clock, M. Premiums will be announced from the Judges' Stand.

AT 1½ o'clock, P. M. Trial of Speed, No. 11, open to all Stallions except "Ethan Allen" and "Hiram Drew." Mile heats, best three in five to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$150
2d do.	-	-	-	-	75

After which, a Grand Trial of Speed, No. 12, to saddle, free to all Horses. Two-mile heats, best two in three, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$200
2d do.	-	-	-	-	100

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS.

PREMIUMS will be paid in silver plate or money, at the option of successful competitors.

CLASS I.

THOROUGH-BRED STALLIONS AND MARES.

No. 1.	Stallions, four years old and upwards,	1st Premium,	\$150
	“ “ “	2d “	75
	“ “ “	3d “	25
No. 2.	Mares, “ “	1st “	100
	“ “ “	2d “	50

Colts and Fillies, less than four years old, will be provided for by discretionary premiums.

CLASS II.

STALLIONS, OF ALL WORK.

No. 1.	Four years old and upwards,	1st Premium,	\$75
	“ “ “	2d “	50
	“ “ “	3d “	25
No. 2.	Three years old and under four,	1st “	50
	“ “ “	2d “	30
	“ “ “	3d “	20
No. 3.	Two years old and under three	1st “	30
	“ “ “	2d “	20
	“ “ “	3d “	10
No. 4.	One year old and under two,	1st “	20
	“ “ “	2d “	15
	“ “ “	3d “	10

CLASS III.

BREEDING MARES AND FILLIES.

No. 1.	Mares, four years old and upwards,	1st Premium,	\$100
	“ “ “ “	2d	“ 75
	“ “ “ “	3d	“ 30
No. 2.	Fillies, three years old and under four,	1st	“ 75
	“ “ “ “	2d	“ 30
	“ “ “ “	3d	“ 10
No. 3.	Fillies, two years old and under three,	1st	“ 30
	“ “ “ “	2d	“ 15
No. 4.	Fillies, one year old and under two,	1st	“ 20
	“ “ “ “	2d	“ 10

CLASS IV.

MATCHED AND FANCY-MATCHED HORSES.

No. 1.	Matched Horses,	- -	1st Premium,	\$100
	“ “	- -	2d	“ 50
	“ “	- -	3d	“ 30
	“ “	- -	4th	“ 15
No. 2.	Fancy-matched Horses,	-	1st	“ 50
	“ “	-	2d	“ 25

CLASS V.

TANDEM TEAMS.

1st Premium,	\$50
2d	“ 25

CLASS VI.

FAMILY HORSES.

1st Premium,	\$75
2d	“ 50
3d	“ 30
4th	“ 20
5th	“ 10

In awarding the Premiums in this Class, the general good qualities of the Horses are to be taken into consideration, rather than their qualities for speed.

CLASS VII.

ROAD HORSES, OVER FOUR YEARS OLD.

Exhibitors to drive for speed, under direction of Committee of Judges.

In making the awards in this Class, the general good qualities, as well as the speed of the animals, are to be taken into consideration.

1st Premium,	\$100
2d “	50
3d “	25
4th “	15

Colts and Fillies, less than four years of age, will be provided for by discretionary premiums.

CLASS VIII.

DRAUGHT HORSES.

No. 1. Matched Draught Horses, driven abreast or tandem,

1st Premium,	\$75
2d “	50
3d “	25

No. 2. Single Draught Horses,

1st “	30
2d “	20
3d “	10

CLASS IX.

SADDLE HORSES.

1st Premium,	\$50
2d “	25

CLASS X.

PONIES.

No. 1. Matched Ponies,	-	-	1st Premium,	\$25
“ “	-	-	2d “	15
No. 2. Single Ponies,	-	-	1st “	15
“ “	-	-	2d “	10

CLASS XI.

MULES.

No. 1.	Matched Mules,	-	-	Premium,	\$20
No. 2.	Single Mules,	-	-	"	10

CLASS XII.

HORSES FOR SPEED.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST.

No. 1. 1 P. M. Trial of Speed, open to all trotting Stallions, Geldings, and Mares, not over five years old, and that have never trotted for money. Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$125
2d "	-	-	-	-	50
3d "	-	-	-	-	25

No. 2. 3 P. M. Grand Trial of Speed, open to all trotting Geldings and Mares. Mile heats, best three in five to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$150
2d "	-	-	-	-	75
3d "	-	-	-	-	50

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22D.

No. 3. 12 M. Trial of Speed, open to all trotting Stallions, Geldings, and Mares, not over four years old, that have never trotted for money. Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$100
2d "	-	-	-	-	50
3d "	-	-	-	-	25

No. 4. 2½ P. M. Grand Trial of Speed for trotting Stallions. Mile heats, best three in five to harness, and not over three to start, two of which must be "Ethan Allen" and "Hiram Drew."

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$1,000
2d "	-	-	-	-	100

Between the heats of Trial No. 4, "Pocahontas," the fastest Pacing Mare in the world, will be driven around the track at speed. The Thorough-breds will also be exhibited in front of the Judges' stand.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23D.

No. 5. 1 P. M. Trial of Speed, open to all trotting Stallions, Geldings, and Fillies, not over three years old, that have never trotted for money. Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$75
2d "	-	-	-	-	50

No. 6. 3 P. M. Grand Trial of Speed for trotting Geldings and Mares. Mile heats, best three in five to harness, three to start, two of which must be "Flora Temple" and "Lancet," (formerly called "Know-Nothing.")

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$1,000
2d "	-	-	-	-	200
3d "	-	-	-	-	100

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH.

No. 7. 11 A. M. Trial of Speed, open to all trotting Horses that have never trotted for money. Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$150
2d "	-	-	-	-	75

No. 8. 1 P. M. Trial of speed, open to all Pacers, except "Pocahontas." Mile heats, best two in three to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$150
2d "	-	-	-	-	75

No. 9. 3 P. M. Grand Trial of Speed for trotting Stallions. Mile heats, best three in five to wagons, and not over three to start, two of which must be "Hiram Drew" and "Ethan Allen."

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$1,000
2d "	-	-	-	-	100

No. 10. Between the heats of Trial No. 9, a Trial of Speed, open to all Stallions and Fillies not over two years old. Half-mile heats, best two in three to harness, two to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$50
2d “	-	-	-	-	25

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.

No. 11. 1½ P. M. Trial of Speed, open to all Stallions, except “Ethan Allen” and “Hiram Drew.” Mile heats, best three in five to harness, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$150
2d “	-	-	-	-	75

No. 12. 3 P. M. Grand Trial of Speed to saddle, free to all Horses. Two-mile heats, best two in three, three to start.

1st Premium,	-	-	-	-	\$200
2d “	-	-	-	-	100

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